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May 9, 1974

Honorable William E. Colby Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

In late 1973, the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations conducted a questionnaire survey to obtain data on the current use of polygraphs by agencies of the Federal Government.

The information developed by that survey indicates a need for an updating by this subcommittee of the material published in its reports of 1965 and 1966, which are enclosed for your information. A series of public hearings is being scheduled to assist the Subcommittee in its efforts to more fully develop a body of knowledge not only about polygraphs but also about other devices that are now being promoted as having similar capabilities as "lie detectors."

The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, and we would greatly appreciate testimony from you or a high-ranking official of your agency on this subject. The policy witness should be accompanied by an expert who has an intimate knowledge of the extent and nature of the use of such equipment by your agency. Witnesses are requested to limit their initial oral statement to ten minutes, which will be followed by questions from the Subcommittee Members. More detailed written statements in their entirety will be made part of the hearing record.

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Your statement should expand on and update, if necessary, the material you previously furnished to the General Accounting Office in response to the October 5, 1973, questionnaire survey it undertook at the request of the Subcommittee.

The June 5 hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2203 of the Rayburn House Office Building and continue in the afternoon. If you wish additional information, please contact Mr. William G. Phillips, Subcommittee Staff Director, at 202-225-3741.

As required under the Committee rules (copy enclosed), it will be necessary for you to provide 50 advance copies of your prepared statement to Mr. Phillips in Room B-371B, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 4. Please do not request extensions of this deadline.

With best regards,

WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD

Chairman

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**Enclosures** 

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